

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Paddy procured on MSP in Jharkhand
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the paddy procured on Minimum Support Price (MSP) from the State Government of Jharkhand during the last two years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the procurement centers opened in the Jharkhand State during the said period;
- (c) whether the farmers are compelled to sell their produce at a price lesser than production cost due to inadequate number of procurement centers; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Paddy procured by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Govt. at MSP in Jharkhand during the last two years and current year is tabulated below:

(fig. in MT)

Agency

KMS 2014-15

KMS 2015-16

KMS 2016-17

FCI

2455

173126

Procurement to commence from Dec 2016.

State

6154

129920

Total

8609

303046

(b): Number of Paddy procurement centers operated in Jharkhand State are tabulated below:

Agency

KMS 2014-15

KMS 2015-16

KMS 2016-17 (Estimated)

FCI

12

228

235

State

813

229

200

Total

825

457

435

(c) & (d) : No Madam, so far no such case has been reported. However, as and when any demand for opening of purchase centre at particular places for price support operations is raised, FCI/State Government Agencies open purchase centres at such places in order to prevent distress sale.
